

# **CITY OF SANTA FE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

**REDISTRICTING ISSUES  
APRIL 21, 2022**



# ABOUT US

**RESEARCH & POLLING, INC. HAS MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF REDISTRICTING EXPERIENCE IN NEW MEXICO AND SANTA FE.**

**OVER 160 REDISTRICTING PROJECTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.**

- NM STATE LEGISLATURE (4 CYCLES)
- CITY OF SANTA FE (1991, 2001, 2011, 2015)
- SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (2002, 2012, 2022)

## **KEY STAFF**

- BRIAN SANDEROFF, PRESIDENT
- MICHAEL SHARP, VICE PRESIDENT
- BRITTANY POSS, DIRECTOR OF DATA AND ANALYTICS

# SANTA FE REDISTRICTING PROCESS

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **ORGANIZATIONAL**
  - GENERAL OVERVIEW AND POPULATION STATISTICS
- **EDUCATION AND DIRECTIVES TO RESEARCH & POLLING, INC.**
  - ABCS OF REDISTRICTING AND POPULATION STATICS
  - SHOW INITIAL CONCEPTS
  - PUBLIC AND COMMISSION INPUT
- **MINIMUM OF 4 PUBLIC MEETINGS**
  - INITIAL CONCEPTS
    - SHOW INITIAL CONCEPTS WITH POSSIBLE REVISIONS
    - PUBLIC INPUT
    - COMMISSION INPUT
  - SHOW INITIAL AND ANY REVISED CONCEPTS DURING SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS
    - SHOW MODIFICATIONS, IF ANY
    - GATHER INPUT ABOUT CONCEPTS
- **ADOPT A PLAN DURING FINAL MEETING**

# REDISTRICTING

## WHAT IS “REDISTRICTING”?

- THE ADJUSTMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TO ACCOUNT FOR POPULATION SHIFTS
- THE WAY IN WHICH WE CHANGE DISTRICTS TO DETERMINE WHO REPRESENTS US

## WHEN?

- REQUIRED AFTER EACH DECENNIAL CENSUS
  - ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON CURRENT CENSUS DATA
- SANTA FE CITY CHARTER ALLOWS FOR REDISTRICTING MORE THAN ONCE PER DECADE
  - SANTA FE REDISTRICTED IN 2015 AFTER A MAJOR ANNEXATION



# **PRINCIPLES OF REDISTRICTING**

**EQUAL POPULATION**

**MINORITY VOTING RIGHTS**

**CONTIGUITY**

**COMPACTNESS**

**COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST**

# IDEAL DISTRICT POPULATION

**IDEAL DISTRICT POPULATION =  
TOTAL CITY POPULATION / # OF DISTRICTS**

**2020 SANTA FE POPULATION: 87,505**

## **SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS**

# OF DISTRICTS	IDEAL POPULATION
4	21,876

# **ALLOWABLE DEVIATION FROM THE IDEAL POPULATION**

## **CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS**

### **MUST BE “SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL”**

**NO MORE THAN 10% TOTAL POPULATION DEVIATION BETWEEN  
SMALLEST AND LARGEST DISTRICT (FEDERAL CASE LAW)**

**$\pm$  5% FROM THE IDEAL POPULATION  
OF A DISTRICT (STATE STATUTE)**

**IDEAL POPULATION: 21,876  
 $\pm$  5% OF IDEAL POPULATION: 20,783 TO 22,969**

# MINORITY VOTING STRENGTH

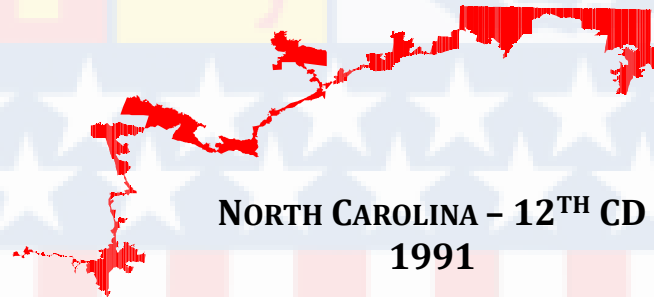
## DILUTION OF MINORITY VOTING STRENGTH

- **DO NOT DILUTE VOTING STRENGTH OF ETHNIC/LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUPS (VOTING RIGHTS ACT, SECTION 2):**
  - NATIVE AMERICANS
  - AFRICAN AMERICANS
  - HISPANICS
  - ASIANS
- **GIVE THE MINORITY POPULATION AN OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE**

# MINORITY VOTING STRENGTH (CONT.)

## RACIAL GERRYMANDER

DO NOT CREATE DISTRICTS IN WHICH RACE IS THE PREDOMINANT CRITERION IN SUBORDINATION OF TRADITIONAL DISTRICTING PRINCIPLES (SHAW V. RENO, 509 U.S. 630 (1993))



## PACKING

CONCENTRATE AS MUCH OF A MINORITY GROUP INTO AS FEW DISTRICTS AS POSSIBLE TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE MINORITY COULD ELECT A CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE

## CRACKING

SPLIT UP A MINORITY INTO AS MANY DISTRICTS AS POSSIBLE TO MINIMIZE INFLUENCE IN ANY GIVEN DISTRICT

# COMPACTNESS

## DIFFERENT WAYS TO MEASURE COMPACTNESS

NONE ARE PERFECT

## REFERS TO SHAPE, NOT GEOGRAPHIC SIZE

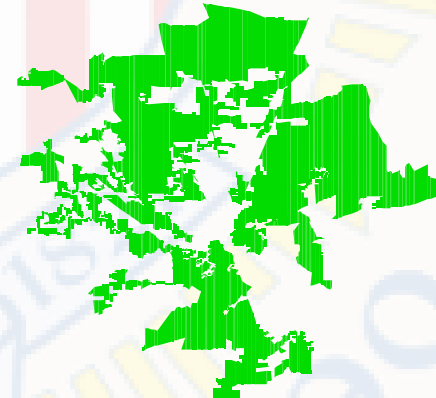
COULD HAVE A VERY LARGE DISTRICT IN AREA THAT IS COMPACT IN SHAPE

**COMPACT**



**NM - 3<sup>RD</sup> CD  
1991**

**NOT COMPACT**

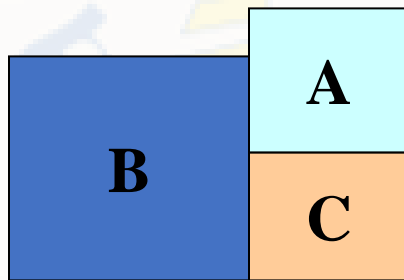


**TX - 18<sup>TH</sup> CD  
1991**

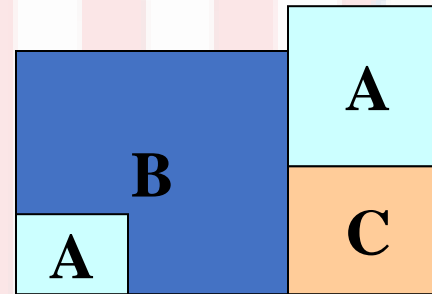
# CONTIGUITY

- NO ISLANDS OF TERRITORY
- ONE DISTINCT PART, NOT TWO OR MORE

• CONTIGUOUS:



NOT CONTIGUOUS:



# COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

## OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED WHEN DRAWING DISTRICTS

- **A GROUP/AREA WITH SHARED CHARACTERISTICS:**

NEIGHBORHOODS

CULTURAL/LANGUAGE/HISTORICAL TRADITIONS

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

LIVED EXPERIENCES

- **MAINTAINING CORE OF EXISTING DISTRICTS**

- **RESPECTING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (E.G., AVOID PRECINCT SPLITS)**

- **TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INCUMBENTS' RESIDENTIAL LOCATION**



# **PRIORITIZATION OF DISTRICTING PRINCIPLES (PER CITY CHARTER)**

**IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:**

**EQUAL POPULATION**

**MINORITY VOTING RIGHTS**

**COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST**

**COMPACTNESS AND CONTIGUITY**

**COMPENSATE FOR UNDERCOUNT OF MINORITIES**

# SANTA FE CITY ORDINANCE

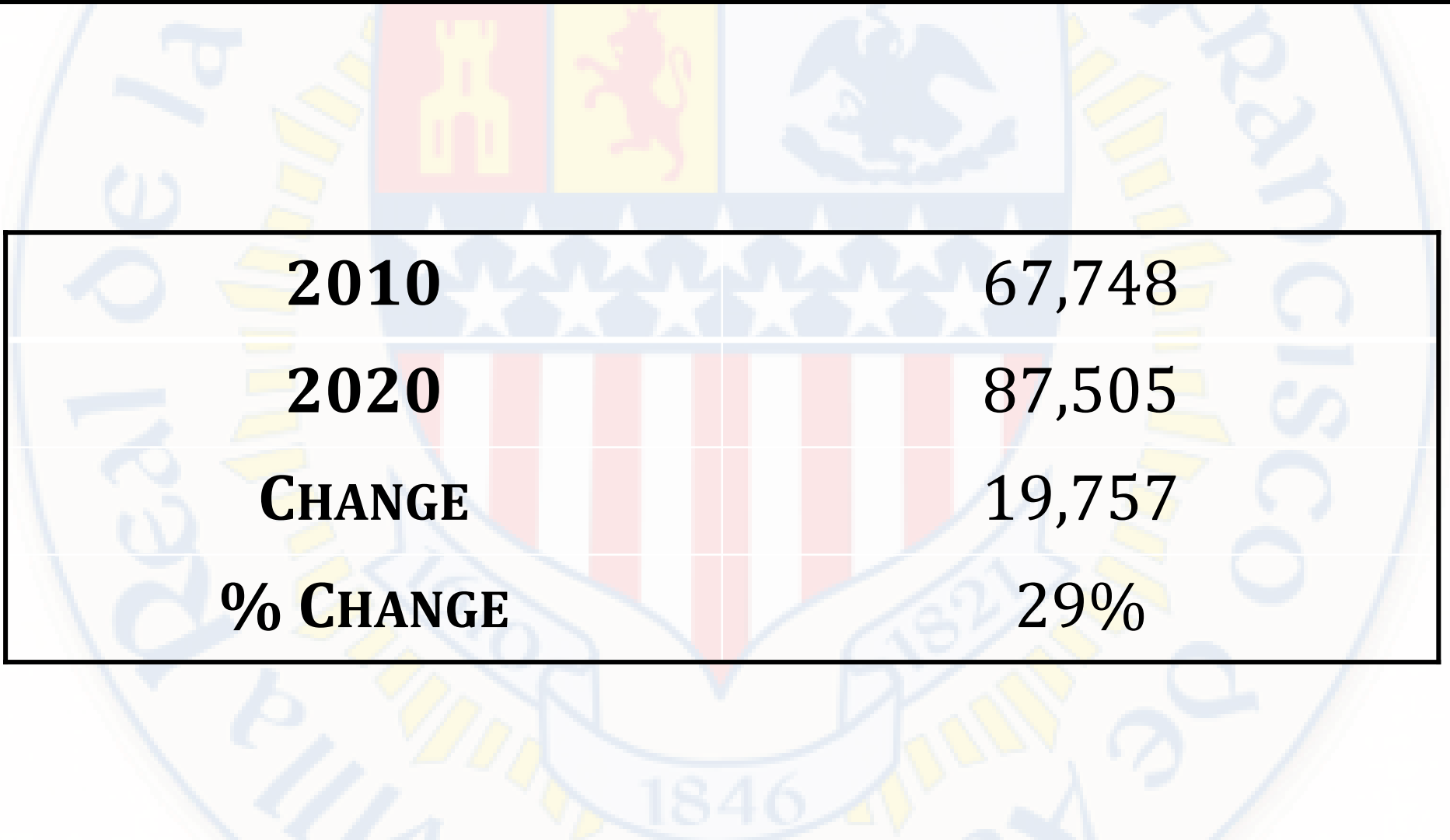
**THE COMMISSION MAY ASSIGN THE APPROPRIATE WEIGHT TO:**

- MINIMIZING PRECINCT SPLITS
- MINIMIZING VOTER CONFUSION IN SWITCHING ELECTED OFFICIALS INTO DIFFERENT DISTRICTS

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# **MAPS & TABLES**

# CITY OF SANTA FE POPULATION CHANGE 2010 vs 2020



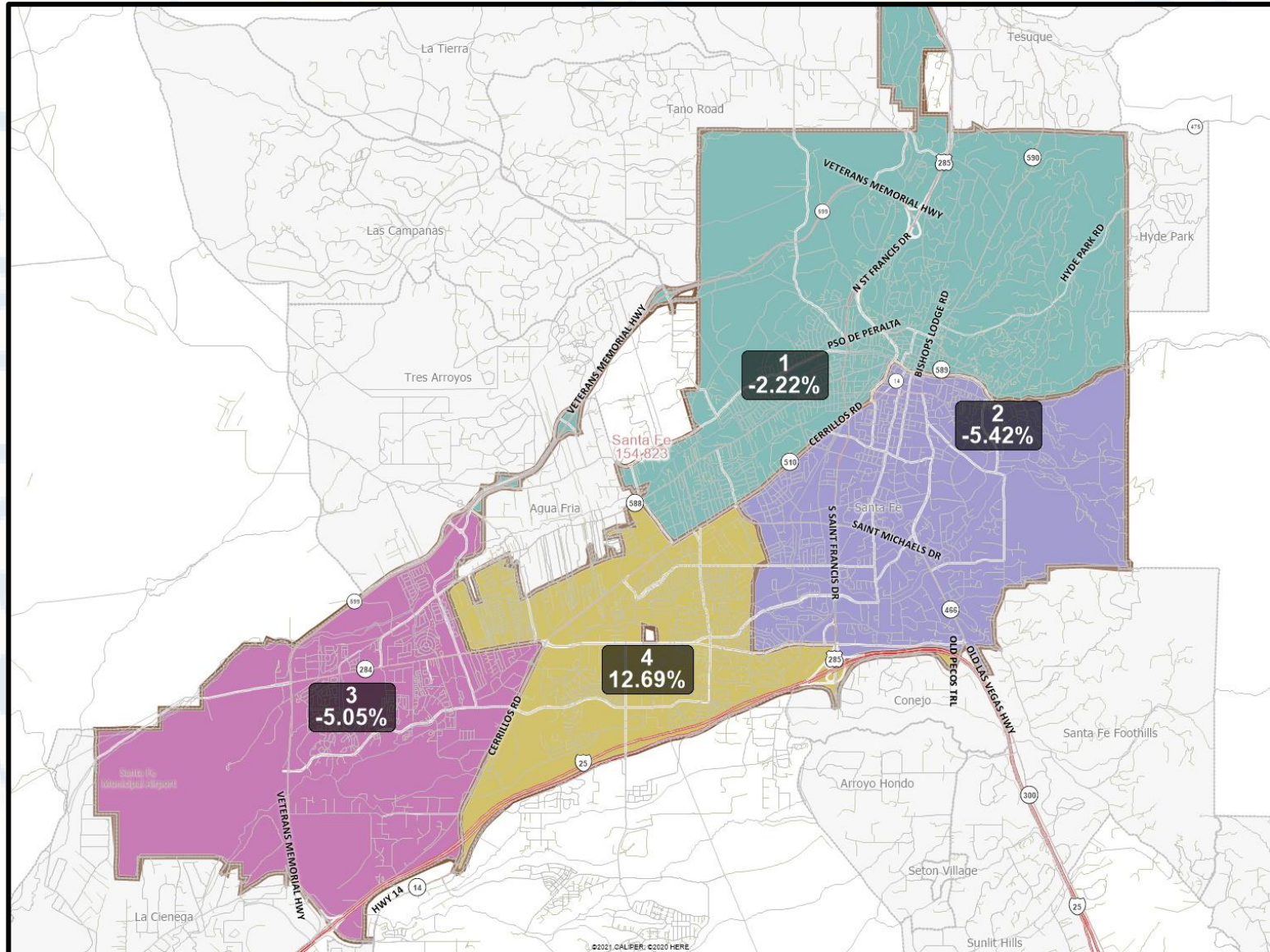
<b>2010</b>	67,748
<b>2020</b>	87,505
<b>CHANGE</b>	19,757
<b>% CHANGE</b>	29%

# CITY OF SANTA FE POPULATION CHANGE 2015 vs 2020

AFTER 2015 CITY REDISTRICTING  
(POST ANNEXATION)

<b>2015</b>	81,104
<b>2020</b>	87,505
<b>CHANGE</b>	6,401
<b>% CHANGE</b>	7.9%

# SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS – CURRENT DEVIATION FROM IDEAL POPULATION



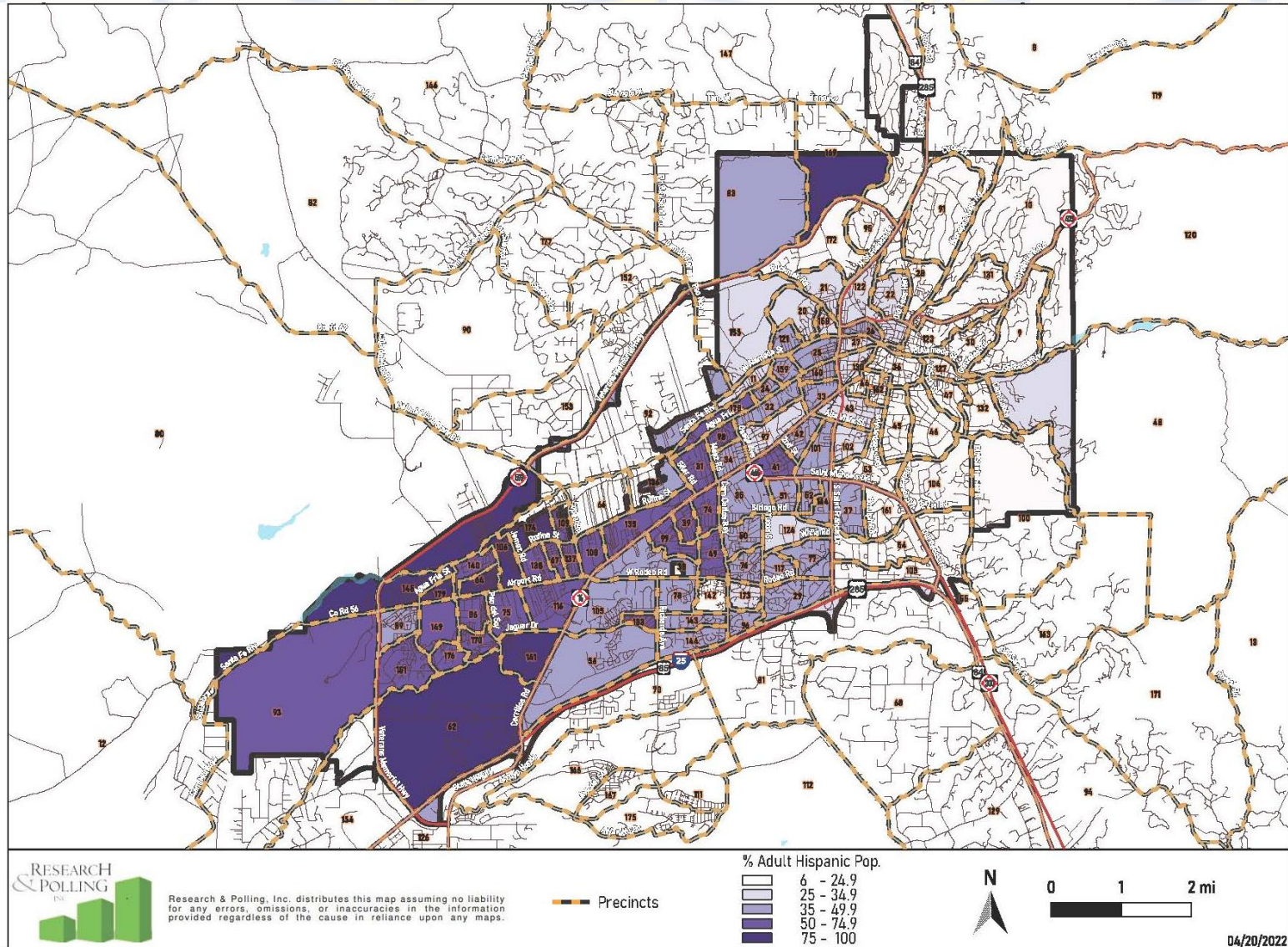
# CITY OF SANTA FE – RACE/ETHNICITY POPULATION (2020)

RACE/ETHNICITY	ADULT POPULATION	PERCENTAGE
HISPANIC	33,469	46.5%
WHITE*	33,217	46.1%
ASIAN*	1,338	1.9%
NATIVE AMERICAN*	1,022	1.4%
BLACK*	688	1.0%
OTHER*	2,258	3.1%

\*NON-HISPANIC

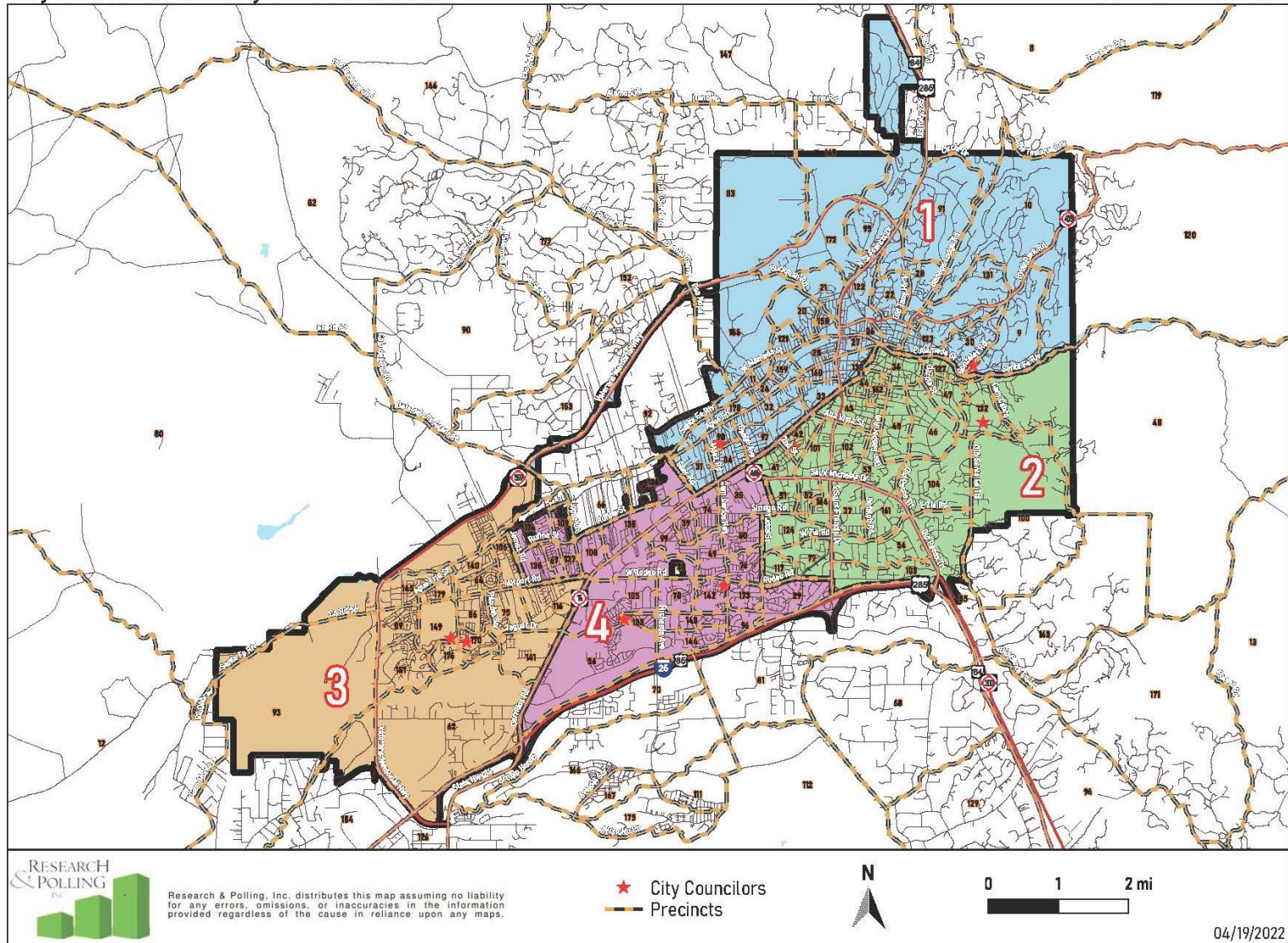


# CITY OF SANTA FE – % ADULT HISPANIC POPULATION (2020 CENSUS)



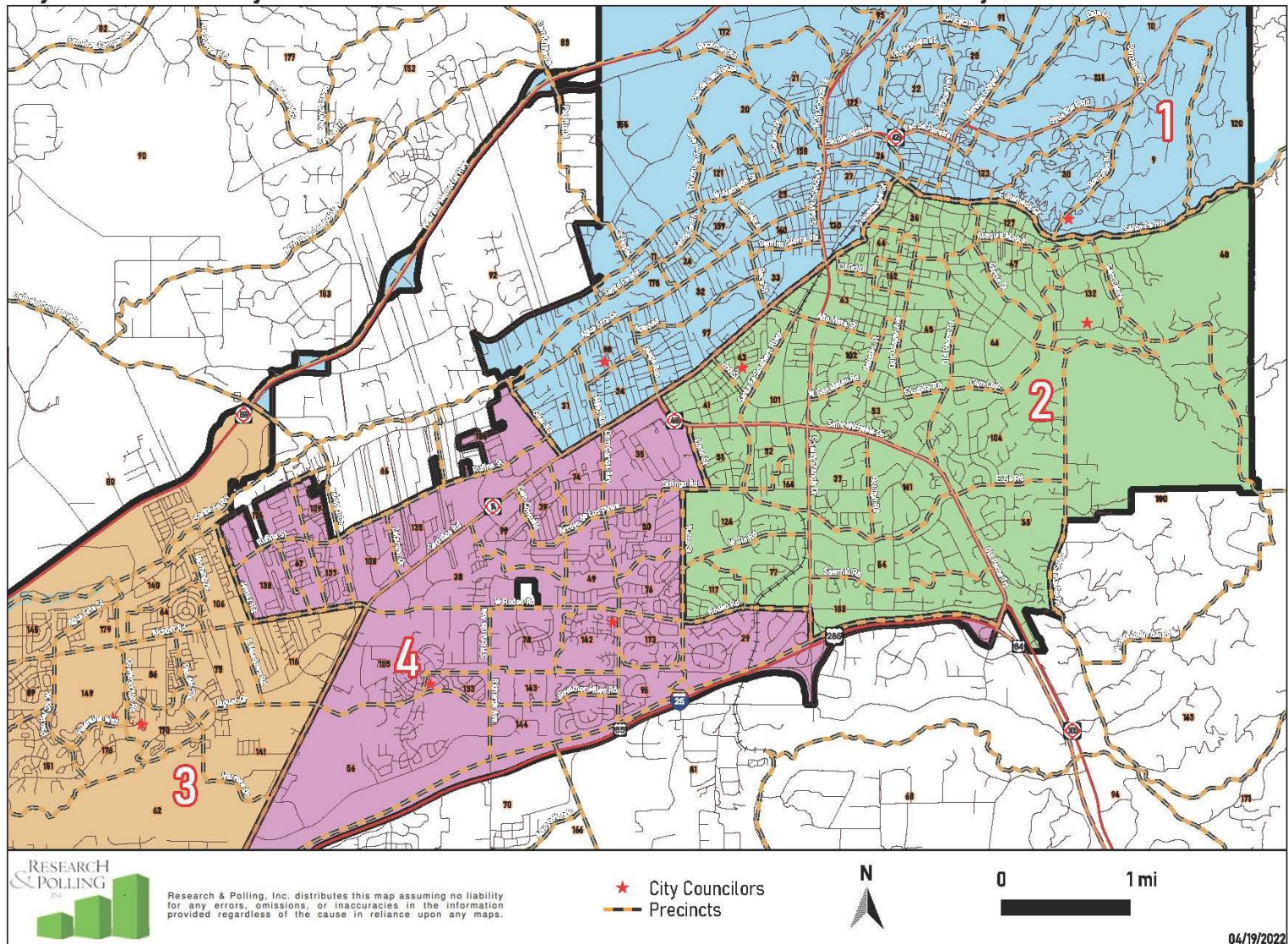


# SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS – CURRENT DISTRICTS





# SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS – CITY CENTER CURRENT DISTRICTS





# SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

## RACE/ETHNICITY DATA

Santa Fe City Council  
Current Districts

2020 Census  
Redistricting

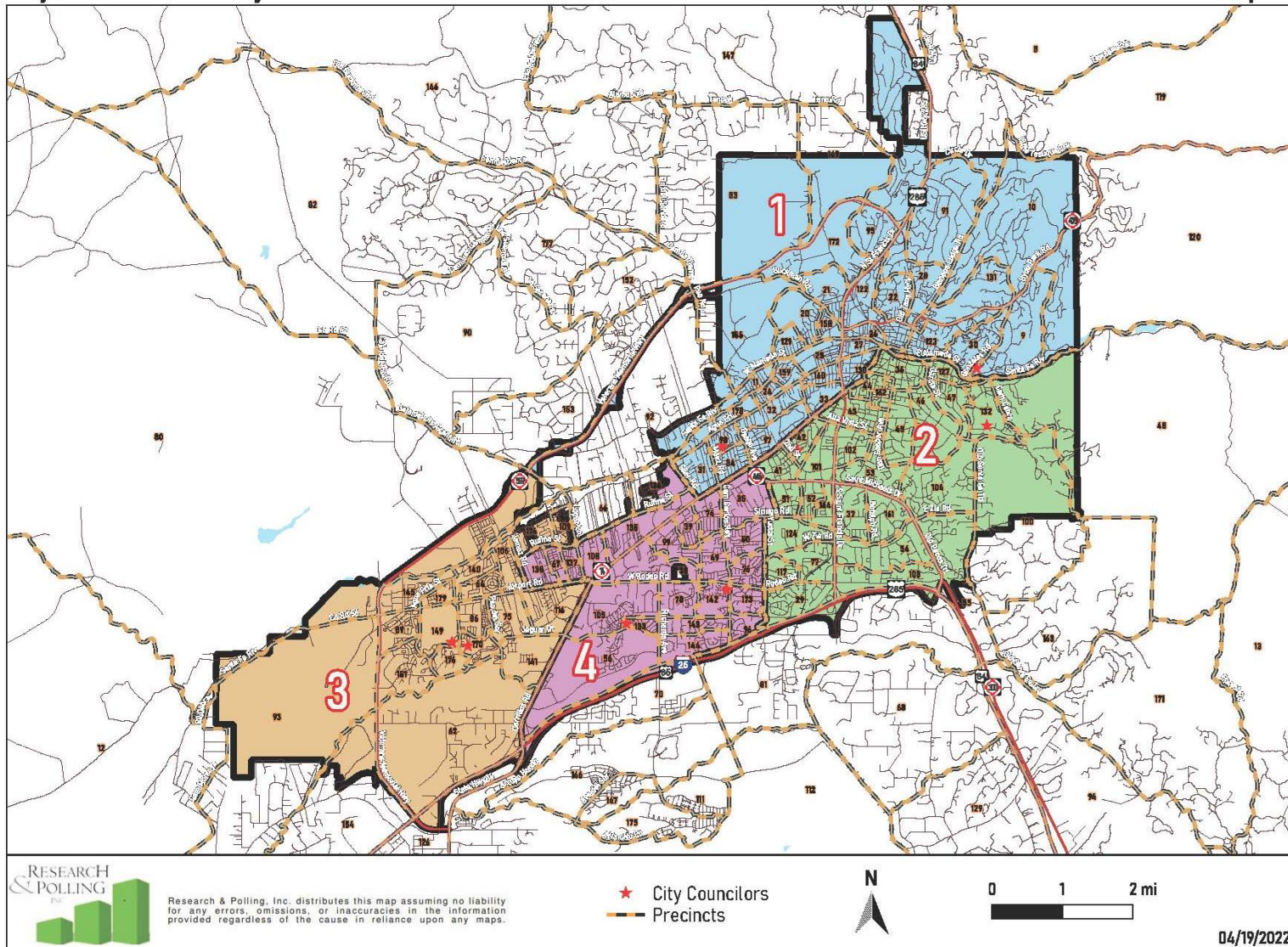
District	Pop	Deviation	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic							
				White	Native American	Black	Asian	Other Races			
1	21,391	-485 -2.2%	7,363 34.4%	12,382 57.9%	265 1.2%	169 0.8%	332 1.6%	880 4.1%			
18+	19,107		6,161 32.2%	11,546 60.4%	230 1.2%	147 0.8%	291 1.5%	732 3.8%			
2	20,690	-1,186 -5.4%	6,894 33.3%	11,936 57.7%	274 1.3%	254 1.2%	527 2.5%	805 3.9%			
18+	18,070		5,529 30.6%	11,049 61.1%	218 1.2%	202 1.1%	452 2.5%	620 3.4%			
3	20,772	-1,104 -5.0%	16,118 77.6%	3,490 16.8%	310 1.5%	166 0.8%	320 1.5%	368 1.8%			
18+	15,072		11,152 74.0%	3,041 20.2%	228 1.5%	139 0.9%	261 1.7%	251 1.7%			
4	24,652	2,776 12.7%	14,267 57.9%	8,444 34.3%	438 1.8%	241 1.0%	410 1.7%	852 3.5%			
18+	19,743		10,627 53.8%	7,581 38.4%	346 1.8%	200 1.0%	334 1.7%	655 3.3%			
Totals	87,505	Ideal: 21,876	44,642 51.0%	36,252 41.4%	1,287 1.5%	830 0.9%	1,589 1.8%	2,905 3.3%			
18+	71,992		33,469 46.5%	33,217 46.1%	1,022 1.4%	688 1.0%	1,338 1.9%	2,258 3.1%			

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# **SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT CONCEPTS**

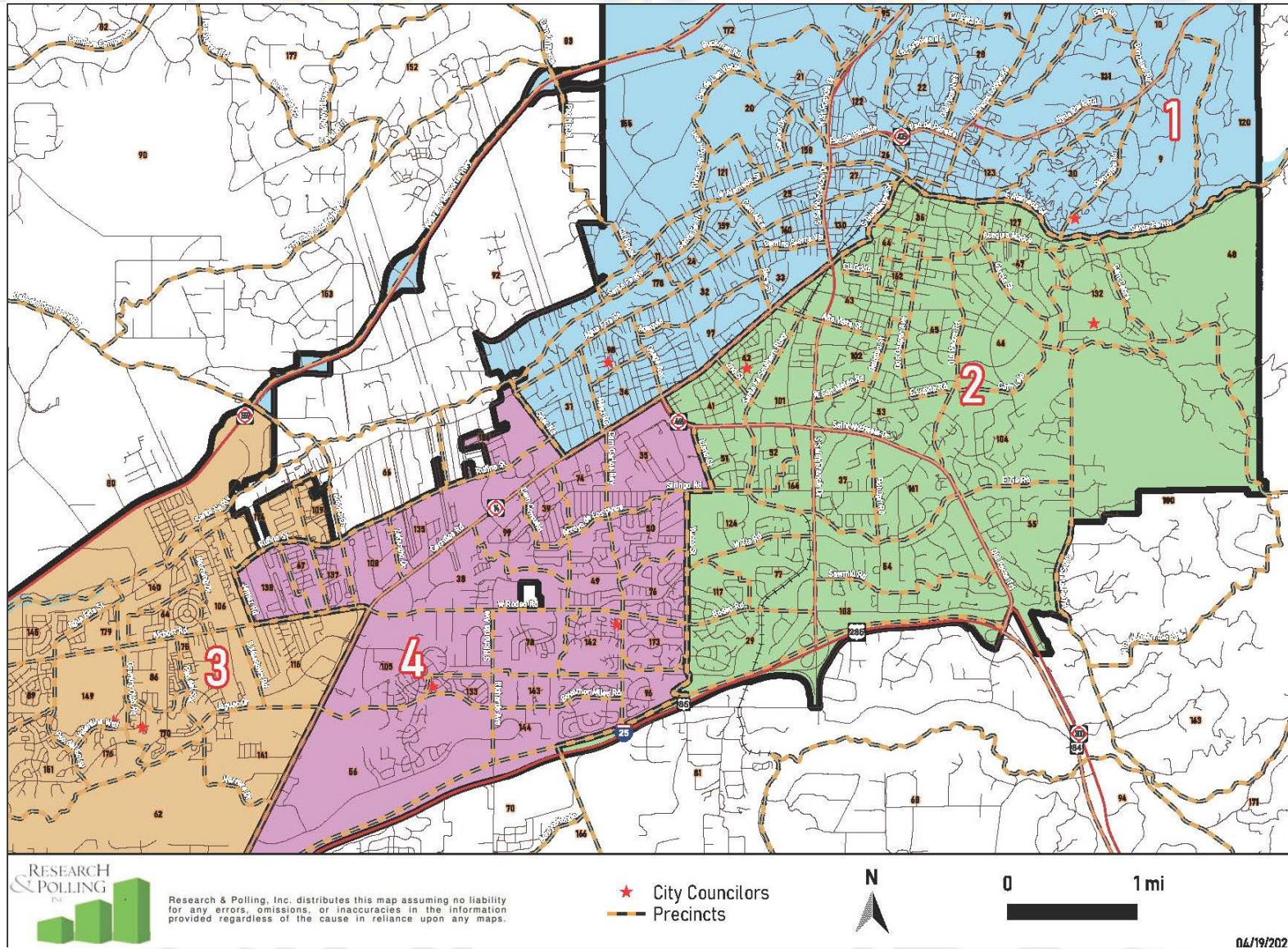


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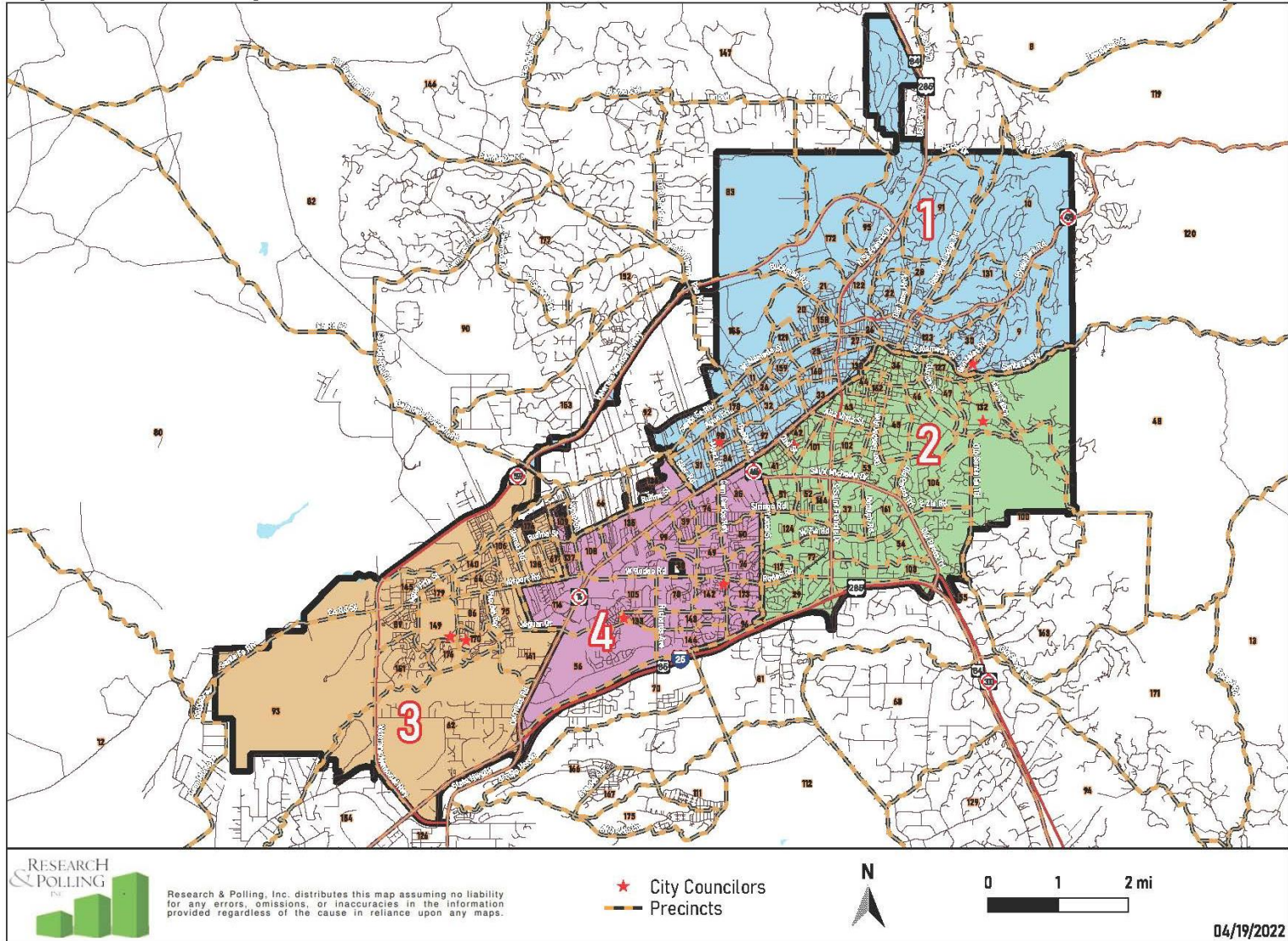


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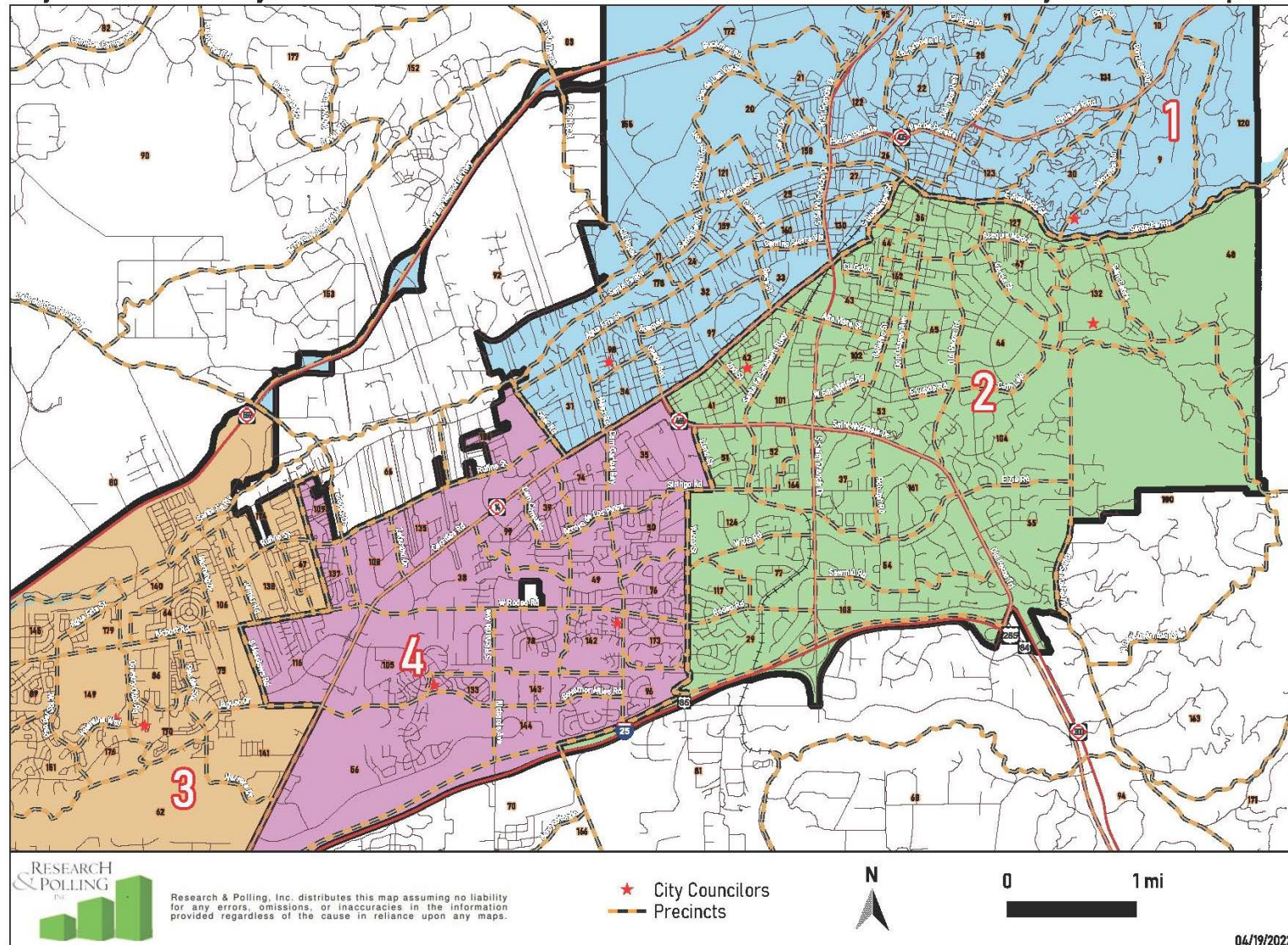


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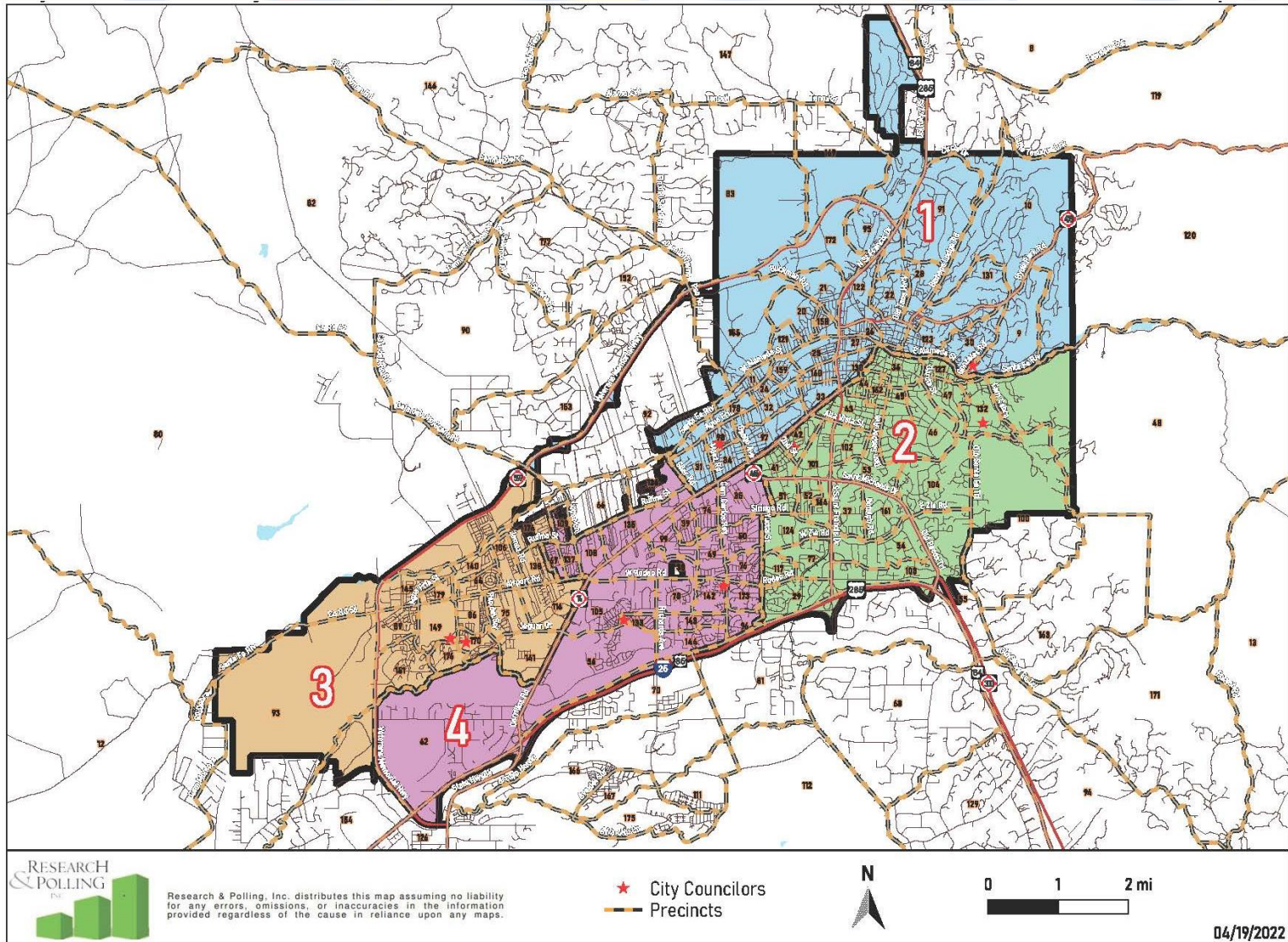


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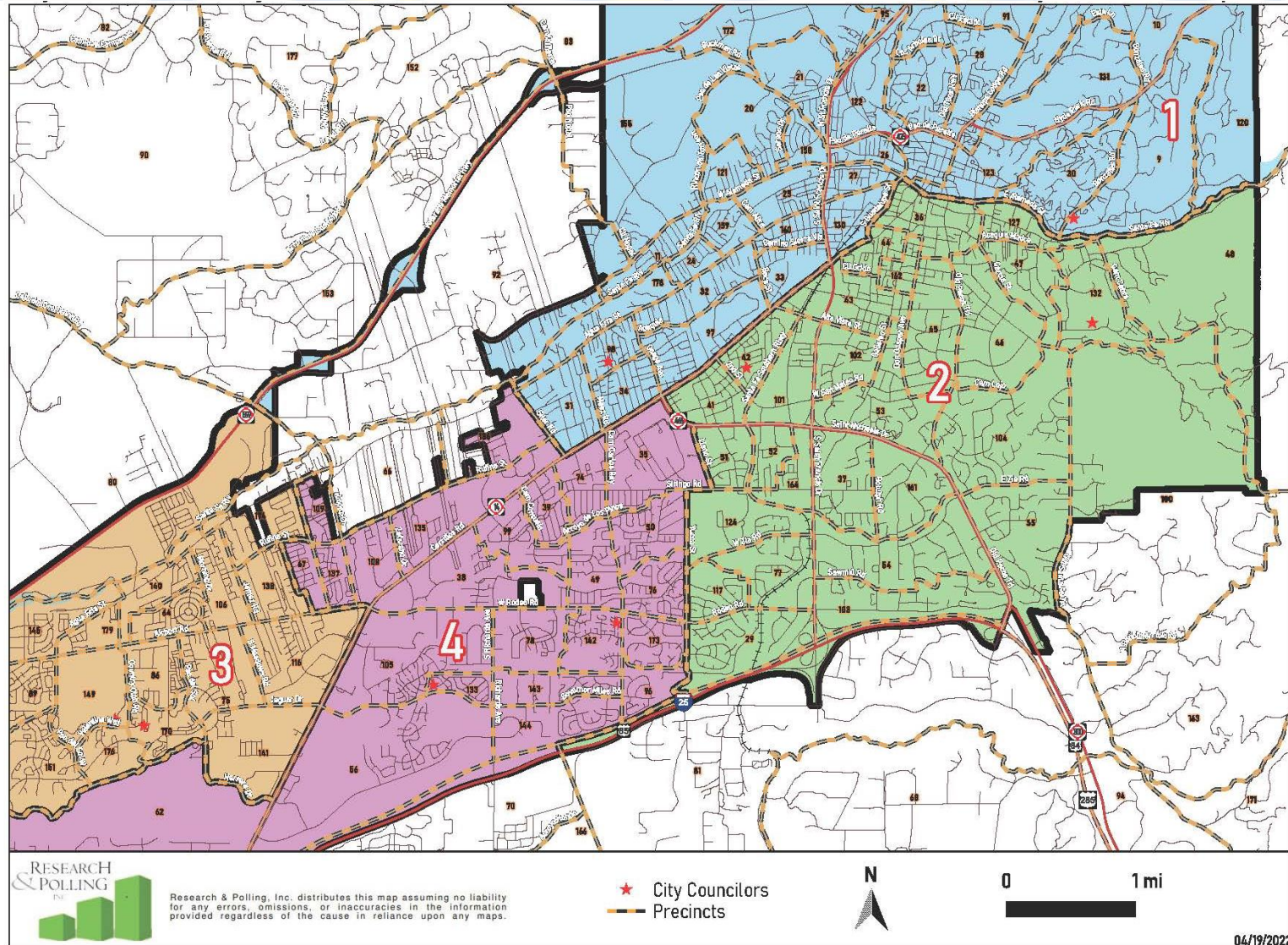


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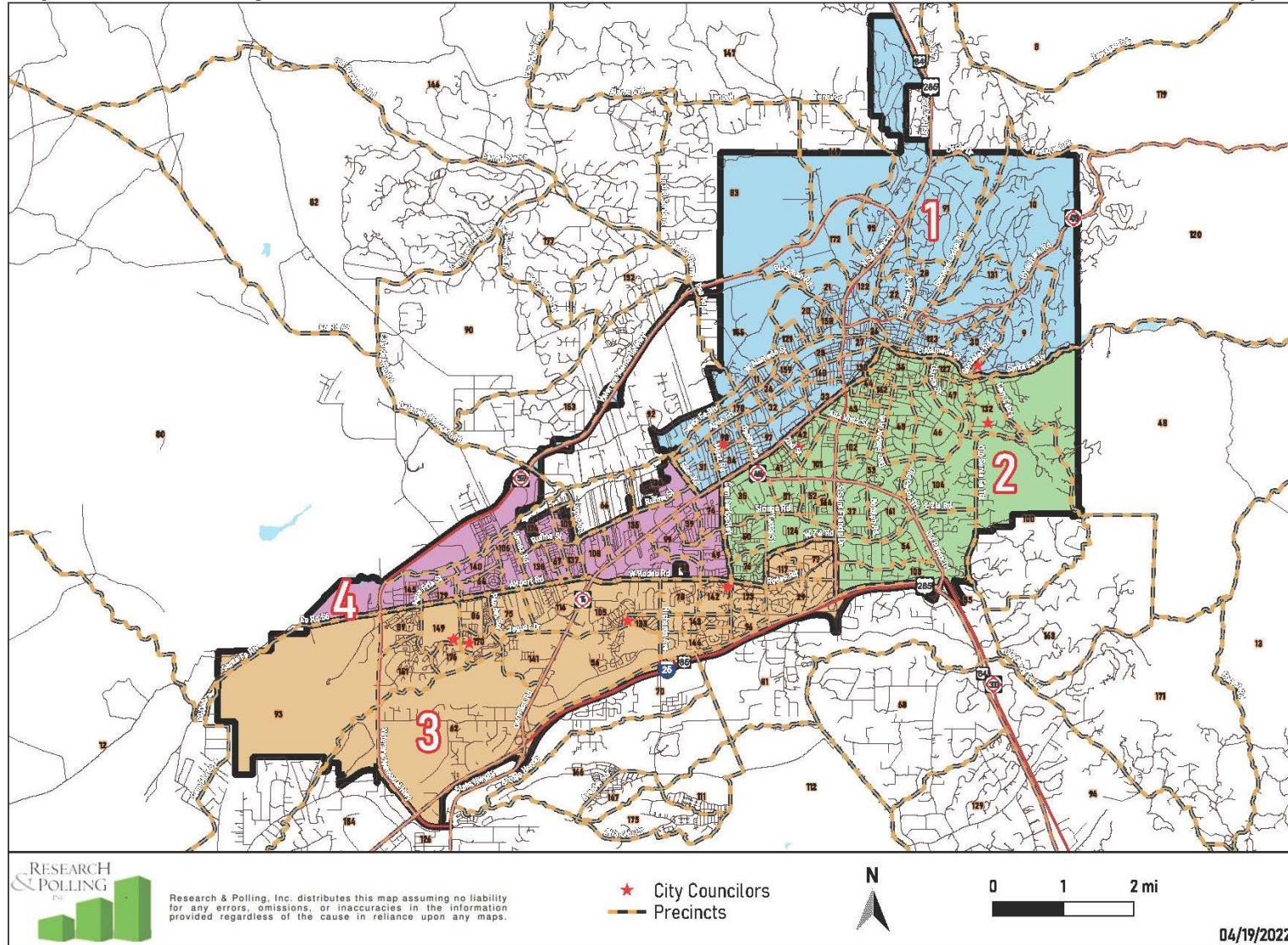


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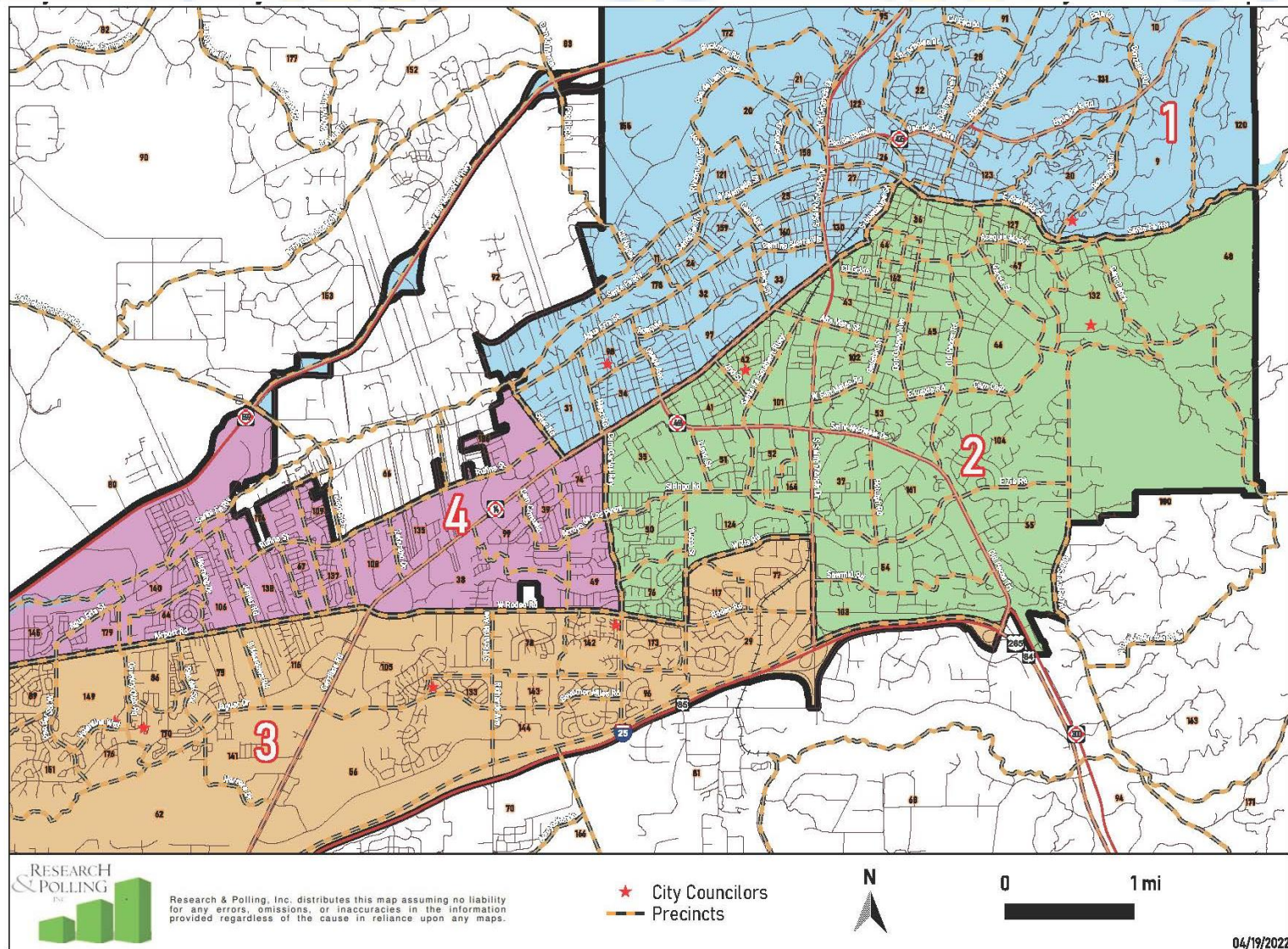


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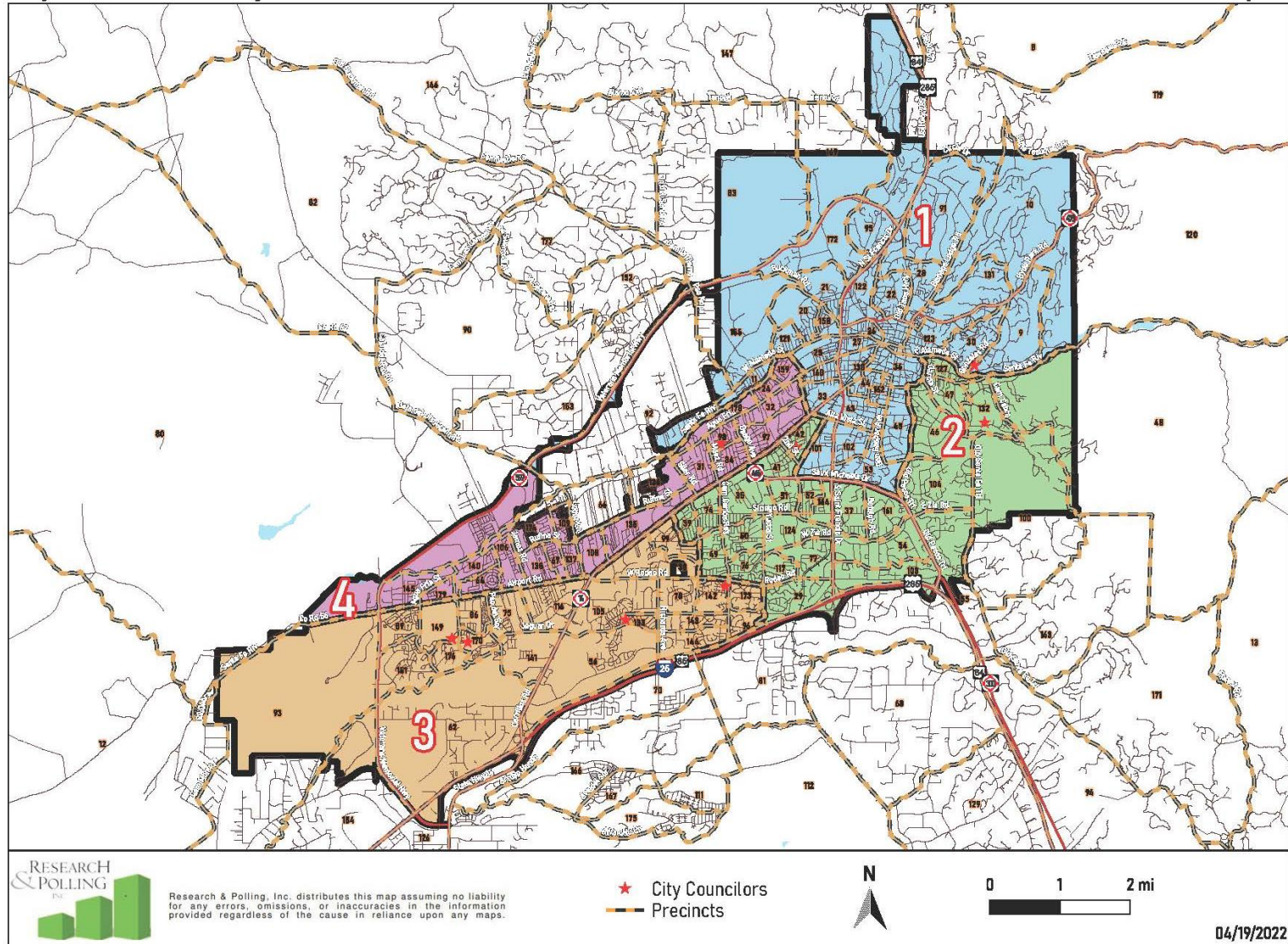


# CITY OF SANTA FE COUNCIL DISTRICTS CONCEPT B CITY CENTER





# CITY OF SANTA FE COUNCIL DISTRICTS CONCEPT C





# CITY OF SANTA FE COUNCIL DISTRICTS CONCEPT C CITY CENTER

